

TODAY

Calendar

Pandora's Box

A small ensemble of jazz students will accompany a screening of the 1929 silent film "Pandora's Box." The show begins at 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Center.

HAAM Benefit

Venues and restaurants across the city will donate a portion of their proceeds to the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, which provides health care for uninsured musicians. For a complete list of shows, visit www.myhaam.org.

Longhorn Network

Three representatives from the Longhorn Network will speak during the Communication Council's fall lecture series. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in PAI 3.02.

Night Out

The Travis County Sheriff's Office will teach citizens about crime prevention while playing some games and giving away free food. The free event is in the Mueller Master Community Pavillion at 5 p.m.

Campus watch

Bear-y Embarrassing

CREEKSIDE RESIDENCE HALL, 2501 San Jacinto Blvd
A UT Police Officer discovered a UT student sleeping in the tall grass located beside the building. The officer stopped upon seeing that the student was wearing a large brown furry bear costume. The officer detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the student's breath. The student's speech was more of a slurred incoherent growl. The student was not aware of where he was or how he got there. The student was taken into custody for Public Intoxication and transported, not to a local zoo, but to Central Booking.

Today in history

In 1957

The Space Age officially begins when the Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the first man-made satellite.



Quote to note

I'll have an idea and just scribble it down. I won't think about it for a month, but eventually, I have a whole story floating on a page.

— **Paul Maybury**
Comics Artist

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Grad student to stand trial in Iran

By Brianna Pelayo
Daily Texan Staff

Omid Kokabee, UT graduate student and member of the American Physical Society, will go on trial today in Iran facing espionage charges.

Kokabee was arrested by Iranian authorities upon landing at Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport during winter break. He was transferred to Evin Prison in

northwest Tehran sometime in early February.

The government of Iran is accusing Kokabee, a first-year graduate student who had been studying optics in the UT physics department, of leaking Iranian nuclear secrets to the United States and communicating with a hostile government.

In a letter calling on the Grand Ayatollah of Iran to release Kokabee, APS's Committee on International Freedom of Scientists said

"Mr. Kokabee has no training in nuclear physics, is not politically active and is not associated with any political movement in Iran."

An online petition calling for the release of Kokabee was created by the Committee for Concerned Scientists, an independent organization that seeks to achieve academic freedom as well as human rights.

UT President William Powers Jr. released a statement Monday concerning Kokabee's trial.

"The University of Texas is deeply concerned for the fair and humane treatment of our graduate student Omid Kokabee, who has been imprisoned for more than nine months and reportedly stands trial Tuesday for espionage," Powers said in the statement. "Although we don't know all the facts of this case, we do know that Mr. Kokabee is serious about his graduate studies, well regarded by his colleagues and a valued member of the UT community."



Omid Kokabee
UT Physics grad student



Victoria Montalvo | Daily Texan Staff

Kenneth Feinberg is the man in charge of the massive task of administering the BP Fund, sorting through over a million claims as part of his job of distributing the \$20 billion in compensation for damages from the oil spill.

Victims' claims sorted after BP oil spill

\$20 billion in relief funds are under the jurisdiction of seasoned administrator

By Nicole Sansevrino
Daily Texan Staff

Reimbursement claims for lost rope sales in Sweden, a shrimp scampi shortage in the North End of Boston and lost dental appointments in Alabama were all claims filed by victims of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

It is Kenneth Feinberg's job as administrator of the Gulf

Coast Claims Facility to sort through legitimate and irrelevant claims.

Feinberg recounted letters written to him by claimants in the wake of the 2010 British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon oil spill to a group of students, faculty and community members Monday, demonstrating the challenges he faced distributing the \$20 billion BP allocated for private claims and cleanup relief in the Gulf.

One of the most memorable letters came from a rope maker in Sweden.

"This rope is sold to fish-

erman in the Gulf for fishing nets. There is no fishing. I can't sell my rope. Pay me in krona, dollars. I don't care, but pay me!"

Feinberg, referred to as "the master of disaster," has overseen claims related to Agent Orange, the 9-11 Victim Compensation Fund, Virginia Tech's Memorial Fund and the Troubled Asset Relief Program, which determined reasonable compensations for senior corporate officials receiving government bailouts.

He has been celebrated for his administration but more of-

ten than not has been criticized as the "man the Gulf Coast loves to hate."

"Ninety-nine percent of the criticism about these programs is really directed at policy makers, not me," Feinberg said. "I'm just implementing the program. Looking back from 30,000 feet [the programs] are a political response to an impatient, demanding electorate and that's the way they ought to be looked at."

In administering the BP fund, Feinberg said he

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Alma mater factored into assessment of state teachers

By Nina Hernandez
Daily Texan Staff

The U.S. Department of Education has introduced new tentative regulations that would require state schools to report to the federal government not only how students performed on standardized tests, but also where their teachers acquired their degrees.

"We encourage multiple measures for evaluating teachers," said Sara Gast, spokeswoman for the Department of Education. "Test scores can be one component among a variety of items, including feedback from students, parents and principals; classroom observations and student growth and gains."

According to "Our Future, Our Teachers," a September report from the Department of Education, "weak [education] programs set minimal standards for entry and graduation."

After states submit the student's grades, the department would evaluate colleges based on how well the students of the schools' graduates performed.

"Overall, we want to focus on outcomes from schools of education to make sure that they are readying and supporting teachers as they enter the classroom," Gast said. "And we want to provide states with more data to see which teacher prep programs are doing a good job of preparing educators and where improvement is needed."

UT's College of Education is second in U.S. News and World Report's yearly performance ranking. U.S. News and World

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SITTING PRETTY



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Laura Leigh grooms Nancy, a golden retriever, at the Woof Gang Bakery on North Lamar boulevard on Monday afternoon. Leigh has been grooming dogs for twelve years and has created eclectic styles such as a "dinosaur poodle" for a dog festival last year.

Holocaust artists remembered

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

In order to escape deportation to Auschwitz during the Holocaust, prisoners of Theresienstadt concentration camp tried to join the Freizeitgestaltung, a group of artists and musicians who put on concerts and operas in Theresienstadt, said David Brown, a Ph.D. candidate of music at the University of Southern

California.

Stories of Jewish composers and their unfailing spirits and dedication to their art in the midst of the Holocaust were told as part of the Butler School of Music's two-day commemorative symposium, titled "Empowering Voice: The Banned and the Damned."

"We're thrilled about [the

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Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Humanities and music professor Philip Bohlman performs a composition by Czech pianist Viktor Ullman at Rainey Hall on Monday.



LM Otero | Associated Press

A chemical plant burns near Waxahachie on Monday. The cause of the fire is unknown and no injuries are reported.

Chemical mixing sparks Texas plant fire

By Jamie Stengle
Daily Texan Staff

A fire sparked as workers mixed chemicals at a plant south of Dallas. Massive plumes of black smoke and bright orange flames shot into the sky Monday, forcing schoolchildren and residents to evacuate or take cover indoors to avoid possible exposure to dangerous gases.

Flames engulfed a large complex at a Magnablend, Inc., facility in Waxahachie. The fast-moving blaze overwhelmed a sprinkler system and consumed a fire truck, but no injuries were reported from the fire or resulting smoke.

Waxahachie Fire Chief David Hudgins said it wasn't immediately clear what chemicals were involved in sparking the fire, but crews expected to quell the flames by late afternoon and allow about 1,000 evacuated residents to return to their homes in the city 30 miles south of Dallas.

"It's the building that's burning, and there's chemicals inside, multiple kinds of chemicals," Waxahachie Fire Department spokeswoman Amy Hollywood. "Saying which kind would be speculative."

Nicolas Brescia of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said air quality readings in the city of

about 25,000 did not require further action but that officials would continue monitoring to ensure hazardous materials did not spread outside the plant.

Magnablend spokesman Donald Golden told WFAA-TV that 25 to 30 employees who were inside the plant's 100,000-square-foot warehouse evacuated safely when the fire broke out before 11 a.m. Golden said the company manufactures about 200 products, including some that are hazardous when ignited.

Authorities had ordered residents closest to the plant to evacuate, while others were advised to stay inside with doors and windows shut.

Stephanie Otto said she was preparing her new restaurant for a Tuesday opening about a quarter-mile from the plant when she heard sirens and walked outside to see a "huge plume." She said she could hear what sounded like gun shots for about 15 minutes, and there was a strong smell of ammonia.

"It was huge," Otto said. "It looked like an atomic bomb went off."

Ellis County emergency management officials issued a mandatory evacuation order for an apartment complex, an elementary school and a junior college. Sheriff's officials urged residents not to drive toward the area of the fire.

Court begins term, health care in sight

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

The nine justices of the Supreme Court, who serve without seeking election, soon will have to decide whether to insert themselves into the center of the presidential campaign next year.

The high court began its new term Monday, and President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, which affects almost everyone in the country, is squarely in its sights.

The Obama administration's request last week that the justices resolve whether the health care law is constitutional makes it more likely than not that they will deliver their verdict by June 2012, just as Obama and his Republican opponent charge toward the fall campaign.

Already, GOP presidential contenders use virtually every debate and speech to assail Obama's major domestic accomplishment, which aims to extend health insurance to more than 30 million people now without coverage.

If as now expected the justices agree to review the law's constitutionality, those deliberations would certainly define the court's coming term. Their decision could rank as the court's most significant since the December 2000 ruling that effectively sealed George W. Bush's election as president.

Health care is only one of several issues that the court could hear that would make for a "fantastic Supreme Court term," said former acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal, now in private practice at the Hogan Lovells law firm.

Other high-profile cases on the horizon concern immigration and affirmative action, hot-button issues at any time and only more so in an election year.

Less likely, though still with a chance to make it to the court this year are cases involving gay marriage and the landmark Voting Rights Act that some Southern states argue has outlived its usefulness.

Decisions about whether to even to consider health care, affirmative action and immigration are a month off or more.

In the meantime, the justices will take up a First Amendment case looking at the regulation of television broadcasts as well as a couple of appeals involving the Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Among the cases involving criminal defendants is one from an inmate awaiting execution in Alabama who missed a deadline to appeal his death sentence because the big-firm lawyers in New York who had been handling his case for free moved on to new jobs and letters from the court clerk sat in the firm's mailroom before being returned to sender.

The court is beginning its second year with the same complement of justices after consecutive terms of welcoming new members, Sonia Sotomayor and then Elena Kagan.

Those two justices, on the liberal-leaning side of the court, voted together on almost every case last year. The same was true for Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito on the other side of the ideological spectrum.

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OVERVIEW

The need for basic research

The Natural Sciences Council sponsored a faculty panel Friday highlighting the importance of public funding for investigative research. The group noted that the National Science Foundation, the federal organization responsible for disbursing billions of dollars per year in research grant funding, has seen its budget cut in recent years. The NSF said the reduced funding will manifest itself in reduced grant funding for basic, investigative science research in favor of research with more direct applications.

The panelists included some of the University's most distinguished faculty members in the College of Natural Sciences. All of them rightly emphasized the value of basic research. A primary function of organizations such as universities and the NSF — that is, government-sponsored, taxpayer-funded groups — is to overcome the private-sector prejudice against investment in projects that bear fruit only over a long-term horizon.

This public funding model is organized to distribute the high costs of conducting this type of high-risk, high-reward research that the private sector is hesitant to engage in because of the uncertain financial ramifications. Basic research is often the starting point for commercial startups and its utility is often recognized only long after it has been completed. Without a way to distribute the cost in the short-term, these long-term benefits may be lost, which would certainly do more harm to society than would refusing to fund scientists adequately in the immediate future.

The value of basic research can be hard to understand. Modeling inheritance patterns in fruit flies may not seem like the most relevant type of research done here, but the principles discovered through basic research have formed the foundation and continue to influence the development of more commercial, applied research.



John Massingill | Daily Texan Staff

Preserving the American way



By **Samantha Katsounas**
Daily Texan Columnist

While the U.S. economy continues to sink into oblivion, a seemingly unrelated debate has been raging among political pundits and laymen alike. Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been under intense scrutiny in recent weeks for his continued public support of the so-called “Texas Dream Act.” Hard as it is to imagine, support for the act was common among even the staunchest Republicans 10 years ago. So why is Perry's position being lambasted now?

Apparently, a lot can happen in 10 years. In 2001, the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature, under Perry's governorship, passed HB 1403, a bill that grants certain undocumented students in-state tuition waivers. Republican supporters of HB 1403 have since flip-flopped on the issue, going to extreme lengths to prove their tough immigration stances to their constituencies. In a notable example, state Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, introduced legislation recently that would mandate that English be the official state language and would eliminate birthright citizenship. Berman proposed this legislation despite voting for the Texas Dream Act in 2001. Though both measures failed, the contrast in his positions is startling and indicative of the new mentality regarding immigration. There's at least one politician in the mix who hasn't changed his mind. These days, Perry's characteristic “stick-to-your-guns” endorsement of HB 1403 is leaving his Tea Party base both horrified and disillusioned.

Recently, Perry told other GOP contenders at a debate that they didn't “have a heart” if they disagreed with in-state tuition policies for un-

documented immigrants. Though he has since apologized for his word choice, the statement has drawn scorn from prominent politicians. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie directly targeted Perry by calling his own stance “not a heartless position” but a “common sense position.” This theme is a common refrain among detractors but is guided more by overworked rhetoric than substantial economic policy.

Critics of Texas' HB 1403 often call into question the use of taxpayer funds to grant lower tuition rates to those who don't “pay into the system.” While it is true that undocumented students do not pay taxes, this shortsighted view completely overlooks the potential tax revenue that could be created by an expanded, educated and diversified workforce.

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that college graduates make anywhere from \$15,000 to \$18,000 more a year than high school graduates. That extra income increases the socioeconomic status of undocumented immigrants while simultaneously expanding consumer spending and home ownership. Both situations increase revenue in property and sales taxes for the state of Texas. Likewise, an educated workforce often attracts high-wage industries, further bolstering the state's economy.

“Like it or not, these students make up a large percentage of our workforce,” Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, told the Houston Chronicle. “It is a good investment of taxpayer money to have an educated workforce.” While the cost of granting in-state tuition for these students might seem wasteful, in the long-run Texas will make more money from the economic resonance of an educated population than it will lose in tuition waivers.

In any case, the state is already investing millions in educating illegal immigrants through grade school. By continuing to educate these students through college, Texas will eventually draw benefits on their investment through a more successful and productive workforce. At the same time, by continuing to stigmatize undocumented students that are working to educate themselves, we risk alienating a segment of the population that has much to offer our economy and society.

It is also important to distinguish Texas' bill from the federal DREAM Act — ours provides no citizenship clause. Texas' HB 1403 is limited to college tuition breaks, and even then, it is limited in several ways. Texas' bill specifies that the student must have lived in Texas for three years prior to attending college, have graduated high school and have filed a formal intention to apply for permanent resident status. While the heated rhetoric suggests otherwise, HB 1403 simply provides ambitious immigrants a path towards accessible education.

Though Perry's stance on immigration is far from perfect, in this instance he is being unfairly criticized. Rhetoric aside, providing accessible higher education for undocumented immigrants is essential to the success of Texas's economy. The Texas Dream Act is, and always has been, an education incentive. The massive influx of young illegal immigrants provides an extraordinary opportunity for Texas, for the state can either educate them and let them be productive or ignore the problem and cripple the economy. Perry himself put it best: “It doesn't make any difference what the sound of your last name is. That's the American way.”

Katsounas is a business and government sophomore.

Standardized curiosity

By **JJ Hermes**
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The TAAS generation is a dying breed.

Consider this: Next year's crop of freshmen never touched a TAAS test. They would have been third graders when the TAKS replaced the TAAS as the state's answer to the question: Are our children learning? Now even the TAKS test is defunct, replaced and revamped by the so-called STAAR test.

We live in an education environment defined by standardized testing. It's a terribly dull, uncreative and stunting way to quantify learning. But it's the way we are teaching our children in America.

By the time I finished my SAT, having conquered the standardized test of all standardized tests, it struck a nerve that my first-year undergraduate classes were so packed that the evaluation of the stirring and poetic things I learned in lectures required a No. 2 pencil and eraser smudges. Only in smaller, upper-division courses could my exams be answered in ink.

Loath as I am to admit it, as a graduate student, I have turned into quite the Scantron machine myself, writing and rewriting some 200 multiple choice questions every semester. I am now but a cog in the standardized testing apparatus, a purveyor of right and wrong for the masses.

Sad to say, I'm resigned to think there's no better way.

I serve as a teaching assistant for an introductory astronomy class that enrolls more than 200 students. This year we have two sections totaling more than 430 undergraduates. (Eat your heart out, Rick O'Donnell! That's \$400,000 in “faculty productivity!”)

One of my favorite parts of being a TA is giving an astronomy exam review. It's an opportunity to cram six lectures which together constitute a tour of some of the most beautiful and curious things we humans know about our universe into one hour.

Inevitably, though, at the end of every review, a hand will slowly raise. “What will we need to know about Kepler's laws?” “Is lunar libration going the be on the exam?”

It used to really irk me, the idea that my reviews weren't a chance for me to blow these students' minds but rather a venue for them to know exactly what to study. Until I realized there's no metaphor about it: We are literally feeding their exam — which represents their knowledge about the universe — into a machine.

These students, some probably proud to see themselves as consumers in the classroom, have no reason to avoid seeing right through my idealism. Quite a few are not in college to explore the unknown and come away with a wider appreciation of the world and the universe. They have been trained on standardized tests. Many are taking a science elective because they have to, and the only way for them to pass is to fill in the pre-ordained number of correct bubbles.

This week, the charade continues as nearly five reams of paper will go through a photocopier in the form of our second exam. I am thus forced to be creative in the medium with which I'm presented. And I have the opportunity to compose questions such as, “We orbit but one of the hundreds of billions of stars in the Milky Way, which is but one of hundreds of billions of galaxies in the universe. However, our best estimates indicate that all directly observable, normal matter (such as the stars, planets and people we see around us) comprise what percentage of the total mass and energy of the universe?”

It may only marginally assess your competence in astronomy. But it should blow your mind.

Hermes is an astronomy graduate student.



10-4-11 THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER UNIVERSAL UCLICK.

THE FIRING LINE

Simply embarrassing

I did not pick up the paper Thursday and I do not read your publication, but I did hear from several co-workers about the front-page article regarding the cost of Garrett Gilbert's jersey at the Co-op and saw the story's photo and headline.

The article, regardless of its placement in the newspaper, is embarrassing for many UT supporters, myself included. I'm sure I don't need to continue — you understand my point. The article was distasteful and certainly not worthy of front page news in his own school's newspaper. Simply embarrassing.

— *Ally Motts*
UT alumna, staff

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Crime reports indicate rise in sex offenses, most go unreported

By Liz Farmer and Nick Hadjigeorge
Daily Texan Staff

The number of reported sex offense crimes increased between the years 2008 and 2010, according to the annual UT security and fire safety reports. The report also said 35 fire alarms were activated in 2010, but no actual fires took place in the campus dorms.

The security report is a collection of crime statistics and information about the methods UT uses to report crimes and the resources available to students. The reports are published as mandated by federal law and require the University to “make policy and programmatic information available to the campus community as well as to prospective students and employees.”

According to the security report, 11 forcible sex offenses were reported in 2008, 20 forcible sex offenses were reported in 2009 and 40 forcible sex offenses were reported in 2010.

Michael Crumrine, Austin Police Department sex crimes detective, said that for various reasons, it takes courage for a victim to report a sexual assault crime.

“It’s one thing to put more locks on your door,” Crumrine said. “But how do you protect against the person you went out on a date with?”

He said the harsh way society

treats victims interferes with the victims’ comfort when reporting the crime.

According to a 2003 study by associate social work professor Noel Busch-Armendariz, only 18 percent of sexual assault cases are reported.

Torie Camp, deputy director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, said these assaults go unreported because the victim often feels societal pressure to hide the occurrence of their assault.

“There’s a lot of guilt that goes along with sexual assault,” Camp said. “But those things don’t change the fact that they were sexually assaulted.”

Camp said the increase in sexual assault cases documented in this year’s security report may indicate that a greater number of these cases are being reported and not necessarily that the number of assaults has increased.

“The numbers of reported forcible sexual offenses are a very small percentage of the total UT population,” Camp said. “An increase in that number is a good thing. It means that victims are willing and able to face the challenges of reporting.”

According to the fire safety report, despite no actual fires occurring in 2010, Jester Residence Hall reported 16 calls about fire alarms, the highest number among the campus dorms. Each semester the dorms are required to have an

unannounced fire drill, according to the report. Chemistry junior Justin Gabuten lived in the dorm from fall 2009 to spring 2010 and said resident assistant need to check the rooms for residents.

“I thought it was good they were doing it, but a lot of my friends said that they slept through the alarm,” Gabuten said. “I was surprised that they didn’t do a thorough job when it was evacuated.”

However, he said the RAs responded well in terms of rehearsing proper safety protocol as if there was a fire.

“For the most part, they were pretty organized,” Gabuten said. “The RAs made sure to close the doors so that the fire wouldn’t be spread.”

SAFETY STATS	
On campus and adjacent off campus	
Forcible sex offenses:	
2010 -	40
2009 -	20
2008 -	10
Aggravated assault offenses:	
2010 -	15
2009 -	17
2008 -	10
Burglary offenses:	
2010 -	53
2009 -	64
2008 -	44
Drug abuse violation arrests:	
2010 -	141
2009 -	102
2008 -	102
Liquor law and violation arrests:	
2010 -	152
2009 -	102
2008 -	182



Albert Cesare | The Odessa American

This Sept. 6 photo shows a dried-up area of Lake EV Spence outside of Robert Lee. This year Texans have endured a record-setting drought, voracious wildfires and sweltering triple-digit heat that has tested the limits of the state’s electric grid several times this summer.

Drought may persist up to five years

Return of La Nina weather exacerbates dry conditions with drop off after one year

By Angela K. Brown
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The Texas drought that has led to crop losses and devastating wildfires is expected to last another year and possibly longer, weather experts said Monday.

Texas and some surrounding states are prone to long-term drought over the next decade based on weather patterns, but that doesn’t mean it will happen, said state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon.

“We’re at a period of enhanced drought susceptibility; the possibility exists,” Nielsen-Gammon said Monday at an annual climate conference, also featuring National Weather Service forecasters and climatologists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The weather conditions that can lead to drought usually last about 20 years once a century or so, and this pattern started in 2000, he said. But Texas had not been in a state of drought since then. There was a lot of rainfall in 2007, he said.

The current drought started last fall with the arrival of the La Nina weather condition that causes below-normal rainfall, and then in the spring, the wettest months of the year were anything but. Now the drought is expected to drag on for another year because La Nina has returned, said Victor Murphy, a climate expert with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

There’s a 25 percent chance Texas’ drought will persist another five years, Nielsen-Gammon said.

“Once we get past this period of vulnerability, the chances go down,” he said.

This is the worst one-year drought in Texas history, already costing the agriculture

and cattle industries more than \$5 billion.

The low rainfall and scorching temperatures have dried up many riverbeds, prompting some wildlife biologists to rescue threatened fish that are found only in one Texas river. Hundreds of wildfires have blackened some 6,000 square miles and destroyed more than 2,700 homes in the state since the fire season started nearly a year ago.

Nielsen-Gammon said it’s too soon to predict if this will surpass the state’s worst drought in history, which was from 1949 to 1957.

Texas got 30 to 50 percent less rain than normal, and temperatures rose above average during that time. Water supplies ran so low some communities had to import it from Oklahoma. Farms and ranches failed. And the lack of rain actually changed the state’s demographics because so many families fled rural agricultural areas for cities.



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Rachel Denny Clow | Corpus Christi Caller-Times
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi student Christina Ellard helps place 500 pink ribbons around the campus in Corpus Christi on Friday. The ribbons help remind visitors, faculty and students that October is breast cancer awareness month.

UT professors’ research aim to aid lives of breast cancer victims

By **Nina Hernandez**
Daily Texan Staff

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but health researchers on campus work to improve the lives of cancer patients by studying a wide range of topics year-round.

Pharmacy associate professor Carla Vandenberg said she is working with a protein called c-Jun N-terminal kinase that may be able to inhibit growth in cancer cells and stop them from becoming metastatic, the term for cancer that has spread to other organs. Vandenberg said she is using this protein to try to eliminate breast cancer.

“Some cells are sensitive to becoming a cancer cell,” Vandenberg said. “Women with metastatic breast cancer are the ones who often die from the disease because we cannot treat it.”

Vandenberg said she is concerned with patient care and is working to seek treatments that will focus more on cancer cells and be less toxic than previous treatments.

“Most of our treatments made the patients very sick,” Vandenberg said. “The patients get more benefits from the treatments than they used to, and we’ve made progress in making them less sick.”

Biology professor Jaquelin Dudley is researching a virus that could target and eliminate cancer cells. Dudley said her work is in the design stage and she is currently working with mice.

“Essentially, we’re trying to develop gene therapy for breast cancer,” Dudley said. “It’s based on a group of retroviruses that will infect human cells and under a particular condition, you would give [them] this retrovirus and it would create a protein that would kill the cancer cell.”

Breast cancer accounted for 28 percent out of 739,940 cancer cases in women last year, according to the American Cancer Society website. Dudley said research happens at a slow pace because many unexpected obstacles occur over the span of a research project.

“I have to alter a human virus to enable it to attack cancer cells,” Dud-

ley said. “We need to take a portion of this mouse virus and put it in the gutted form of the human virus. It would allow it to deliver the protein to the breast cancer cells and kill them.”

Mary Adams, associate professor of clinical nursing, said she recently did research to find out why women do not get yearly mammograms, which help women to detect their breast cancer at an early stage.

“What I want to know is what kind of strategies are most effective in providing outreach to minority women, African American women in particular, to improve screening rates,” Adams said.

About 36 percent of women without health insurance went in for mammograms in 2008, according to the American Cancer Society website.

“What we found was that the cost was the chief reason that women were not going to be screened,” Adams said. “Some of the women did not know about some of the free services that may have been available to them.”

Program encourages student involvement in worldly issues

By **Rachel Thompson**
Daily Texan Staff

The need for technologies to prevent and respond to a nuclear attack is growing, according to the National Academy of Engineering website. This global challenge, along with others, is a focus of a new program at the University that engages students in directly working towards solutions to major issues.

The Longhorn Grand Challenges Scholars Program makes its debut at UT this semester and joins a number of similar programs at other prestigious universities. The program was originally founded collectively at the engineering colleges of Duke University, Franklin W. Olin College and the University of Southern California.

“We started doing research in 2008 on how active students here were in humanitarian engineering,” said UT program director Christina White. “We found that students were incredibly interested yet felt they hadn’t participated enough in it.”

White said UT faculty searched for a way to implement a program that was complementary, not additive, to students’ current curriculum. She also said that students can apply as early as their freshman year and do not have to be engineering majors.

“We know we have a really diverse and talented pool of students at UT,” White said.

The program is named after the National Academy of Engineering’s list of Grand Chal-

lenges for Engineering in the 21st Century, said White.

Program coordinator Sheila Reynolds said the opportunities it provides for students will greatly benefit them during their undergraduate years as well as after graduation as they dive into the real-world engineering pool.

The highly prestigious program is accepting applications through Oct. 7, and Reynolds said there isn’t a cap number on how many students will be chosen.

“We’re choosing the students based on the high-quality talent we’re looking for,” Reynolds said. “If it’s 10, it’s 10. If it’s 50, it’s 50.”

She also said that the five-question application allows students room to be creative with their answers. Once accepted, students will choose one of the 14 grand challenges and will have to address five components based on that challenge, she said.

“I like this program because it obviously has an emphasis on engineering, but it tries to go outside the realm of engineering to try and solve problems,” said civil engineering junior Ali Barton. “I think it’s really applicable and necessary if we want to solve large challenges.”

Reynolds said students that participate in GCSP gain additional skills that might not be acquired without taking part in the program. She said the students will have better skills interviewing, applying to graduate school and applying for jobs. These skills will help them grow

“
We know we have a really diverse and talented pool of students at UT.
— Christina White, UT Program Director
”

professionally, scholarly and personally, she said.

“GCSP has the potential to change the very fabric of engineering education at UT,” said mechanical engineering professor Kristin Wood. “It has the potential to create a ground swell of design-based learning, of interdisciplinary learning whilst removing, through a natural and student-centric process, the barriers caused by our college, department and discipline structure, of diversifying engineering in every form as students actively engage in changing the world.”

Wood said the program provides exciting opportunities for students to further develop after graduating from the University.

“The students will be partners in the endeavor and become the next generation of entrepreneurs to make our world the essence of our dreams,” Wood said. “It is exciting. It is contagious. It is real.”



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Texas ready for Red River Rivalry



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Senior linebacker Emmanuel Acho and the Texas Longhorns take a 4-0 record into the Cotton Bowl this Saturday as they face top-ranked Oklahoma, who also boasts a 4-0 mark. Even though the Longhorns are 10-point underdogs, recent Red River Rivalry history shows that this year's showdown between the Longhorns and Sooners should be an exciting one.

Longhorns face toughest challenge yet in No. 1 OU

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Texas is off to a great start this season. The Longhorns are 4-0, rapidly climbing the rankings, and have improved with each game

this season.

Their reward? Unbeaten No. 1 Oklahoma.

The fact that these teams have not lost yet and are ranked among the top 10 teams in the most recent polls is not surprising. That's the

case nearly every year. The Sooners were the consensus preseason top-ranked team and fully expected to have an unblemished record coming into the Red River Rivalry. Texas, on the other hand, was coming off a dreadful 5-7 campaign and

was even unranked in the Associated Press preseason poll. Now they're on a roll and preparing to take on one of the nation's best teams in one of college football's fiercest rivalries. "Both of us don't like each other," said senior guard David Snow. "It's

big rivalry between the two teams. It's very special. Two programs like ours going head-to-head at a neutral location — it just doesn't get much better than that."

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STAT GUY

McCoy, Ash making debuts against Sooners this week



By Hank South
Daily Texan Columnist

Every athlete has to have a beginning. However, not every athlete's beginning is against the No. 1 team in the USA Today Poll. While Case McCoy and David Ash have both had their fair share of reps, they haven't experienced a team quite like Oklahoma just yet.

The Red River Rivalry is a completely different environment: from the craze of the fans, to the State Fair outside the Cotton Bowl and to the importance of the 111-year-old rivalry itself. The atmosphere can make a spectator's knees tremble, let alone the starting quarterback's. So just how have



Colt McCoy

the first-year Texas quarterbacks fared against the Sooners? Let's take a look at — you guessed it — the stats.

In the 2003 matchup between the Longhorns and Sooners, a red-shirt freshman Vince Young had an abysmal 11 completions out of 21 attempts for 135 yards and two interceptions. Texas lost the game in a 65-13 rout, at the hands of Jason White and company. On a brighter note, Young rushed for 127 yards and a touchdown, flashing early glimpses of what was to come.

In 2006, Colt McCoy got his first shot at Oklahoma and didn't disappoint, passing for 108 yards and two touchdowns, without turning the ball over. Texas defeated the Sooners 28-10, ending the Adrian Peterson reign on a high note.

In co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite's first taste of

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NOTABLE RED RIVER RIVALRY DEBUTS

Bobby Layne (1944):

Two touchdowns against unranked Oklahoma. Texas won 20-0.

Major Applewhite (1998):

293 yards and two touchdowns against unranked OU. Texas won 34-3.

Vince Young (2003):

135 yards and two interceptions. Texas lost the game 65-13. OU was No. 1.

Colt McCoy (2006):

108 yards and two touchdowns. Texas won 28-10 over No. 14 Sooners.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Rodgers has record-setting day, scores 6 TD

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Week 4 of the fantasy football season has come and gone. Here are a few of the outstanding fantasy performances and some of the duds.

HOT

Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay

1. This guy was a fantasy god this week: 408 yards, four touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns. Rodgers literally scored more points than half the players on most people's rosters. What a week for those who own him and what a killer for those that had the misfortune to play him.

Beanie Wells, Arizona

2. So much for not playing this week. Wells broke out against a banged-up Giants front seven, rushing for 138 yards and three touchdowns, making him the top fantasy runner for the week. Wells should continue to see plenty of carries the rest of the year as the Cardinals have trouble airing it out. He could be snagged in a trade if owners in your league aren't paying attention.

Arian Foster, Houston

3. Finally fully healthy after his hamstring injury, Foster showed why he was the No. 1 overall pick in many drafts this year. He rushed for 155 yards and a touchdown against a stingy Pittsburgh defense. His owners can breathe a sigh of relief.

NOT

Mark Sanchez, New York Jets

1. This guy isn't starting in many leagues and Sunday night was a perfect example why. Sanchez only had 119 yards passing and on



Darren Cummings | Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers is the only player to ever have 400 passing yards, throw for four touchdowns, and run for two more in the same game.

top of that pathetic performance, he threw a pick and surrendered three fumbles against the Ravens. Quarterback is the easiest position to rack up fantasy points at but Sanchez couldn't even manage to do that, coming away with -2 points this week. "Sanchez" should ride your bench unless you're desperate.

Rashard Mendenhall, Pittsburgh

2. Mendenhall was a top-10 pick in many leagues coming off a breakout season in which he rushed for 1273 and 13 touchdowns. But this season, he just

can't get it started, rushing for only 148 yards in four games. His fantasy owners might need to start looking elsewhere for a while until Mendenhall starts picking it up.

Dexter McCluster, Kansas City

3. After Jamaal Charles got hurt many people, including McCluster, thought the former Longhorn star might break out with increased touches, but so far that isn't the case. Since JC went down, McCluster has yet to put up more than five fantasy points. At best, he should be a flex option in a deep league.

SIDELINE

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SPOTLIGHT

Haley Eckerman, #10



Sport:
Volleyball
Position:
Outside Hitter
Height: 6' 3"
Class:
Freshman
Hometown:
Waterloo, Iowa

Texas has been going up against quality opponents all season long, but that hasn't phased freshman outside hitter Haley Eckerman, who was named the Big 12 Freshman of the Week Monday. Eckerman turned in 20 kills in a five-set loss to No. 25 Oklahoma last Wednesday and topped it with 21 in a five-set victory over No. 16 Iowa State Sunday.

The Waterloo East High graduate has been impressive in the early stages of her Longhorn career, notching the only two 20-kill efforts by a Texas player this season. Eckerman, one of three members of a top-ranked recruiting class head coach Jerrett Elliott brought in this season, has led the team in kills in five of the Longhorns' six matches against ranked squads.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Kenny Vaccaro
@ltzKeNnyV

"Watching film...
Most battles are
won before the
fight"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Turner, Shipley, Gideon all earn accolades for Iowa State efforts

Three Texas players were recognized for their efforts in the Longhorns' victory over Iowa State this past weekend. Freshman defensive back Josh Turner was announced as the National Punt Returner of the Week after returning a blocked punt 34 yards for a touchdown, the first of his career. Another true freshman, wide receiver Jaxon Shipley, garnered Honorable Mention Wide Receiver of the Week honors following his six-catch, 141-yard performance Saturday. Shipley was also named the team's offensive MVP for the third time this season.

Meanwhile, senior safety Blake Gideon, who picked off Cyclones quarterback Steele Jantz in the first quarter and made eight tackles, earned honorable mention Defensive Back of the Week honors. The interception was Gideon's second of the season and ninth of his career.

— Christian Corona

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With the Longhorns making such huge strides, the Cotton Bowl, like it usually does every October, will host two of college football's finest teams.

"This rivalry is bigger than any of us," said senior tight end Blaine Irby. "Walking down the tunnel and seeing the crowd split in half is a special feeling. It's a great tradition. There's a lot of passion. This week we've been really focused and anxious to get out there and really show the nation what we can do."

The Longhorns will have their hands full this weekend. Junior quarterback Landry Jones and his favorite target, senior wide receiver Ryan Broyles are legitimate Heisman Tro-

phy candidates. They're part of a potent offense while the Sooners are not short on defensive talent either.

Oklahoma showed just how strong it is on both sides of the ball in last week's game against Ball State. The Sooners routed the Cardinals, 62-6, scoring 52 unanswered points, 49 of them coming during a stretch between the second and third quarters that covered less than 12 minutes of playing time.

"Nothing we're trying to do this week is anything that we weren't trying to do last week," said defensive coordinator Manny Diaz. "The opponent, in theory, doesn't matter. What makes a team good is they

punish you for your mistakes. That's usually what good teams do. Instead of focusing on how good they are, focus on not making mistakes and you'll give yourself a chance."

Regardless of the outcome, Texas and Oklahoma will provide thousands of avid fans in Dallas and millions of television viewers nationwide with one of the oldest and greatest rivalries in college football. With Dallas being almost exactly halfway between Austin and Norman, Longhorns and Sooners fans are fittingly on either side of the 50-yard line as the State Fair provides an appropriate backdrop.

"Anytime you get up there and

play OU, everybody's pumped," Snow said. "There's so many emotions that are running through you at that time, especially when you're playing at a neutral site. It's crowded. It's packed. It's a great atmosphere."

Texas knew it would have to rely on its younger players more than usual this season. But no one expected for the underclassmen to play as well as they have so far. David Ash has established himself as a reliable option behind center, Malcolm Brown has quickly become the team's starting running back and Jaxon Shipley, the Longhorns' offensive MVP three times this year, is picking up right where his big brother

left off.

The Texas defense is not without its share of impressive youngsters, especially in a secondary that includes two sophomores and a freshman at cornerback. But now the Longhorns bring their inexperienced contributors to a unique atmosphere they haven't seen before.

"Once those guys realize that it's just another football game and don't get caught up in all the State Fair, the big rivalry, and it being on national TV, I think they'll be fine," said senior safety Blake Gideon.

For some of the upperclassmen guiding their younger teammates, this will be their last crack at Okla-

homa. This year's seniors triumphed over the Sooners in 2008 and 2009 but fell to them in a 28-20 heartbreaker a year ago.

"It's my last one," said senior linebacker Emmanuel Acho. "It's going to be emotional but I'm just ready for the game. This is how you dream it up. Both teams are 4-0. Both teams are ranked in the top 15. It's going to be wild."

Wild is the norm for the Red River Rivalry contests. Lead changes, ties and thrilling comebacks have characterized the most recent Cotton Bowl showdowns. And despite Oklahoma opening the week as 10-point favorites, this year should be no different.

Napoli's two-run blast helps Rangers take 2-1 series lead

By Fred Goodall
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Back on the road in the playoffs, the Texas Rangers won again.

Colby Lewis outpitched All-Star David Price, Mike Napoli hit a go-ahead two-run homer and the defending AL champions survived a shaky night from the bullpen to hold off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 Monday night in Game 3 of their postseason series.

The Rangers' fourth straight division series road win matches the third-longest streak in major league history and gives Texas a 2-1 lead heading into Game 4 Tuesday at Tropicana Field. Texas won three ALDS games here a year ago, when it eliminated Tampa Bay in five games.

Rookie Desmond Jennings hit a pair of solo homers for the Rays, who kept it interesting by scoring twice off Rangers relievers before Neftali Feliz got four outs for his second save of the series.

Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre, playing deep and guarding the line to prevent a double in the ninth, started an around-the-horn double play on Kelly Shoppach's grounder to end it.

Price was the losing pitcher in two of Tampa Bay's playoff losses in 2010 and welcomed the opportunity to try to redeem himself against the only AL opponent he's yet to beat in his career.

The left-hander shrugged off a poor outing in his last regular season start to take a 1-0 lead into the seventh, thanks to Desmond Jennings' fourth-inning homer off Lewis.

Beltre singled leading off the seventh against Price and took second a wild pitch. A crowd of 32,828 — the first sellout at Tropicana Field since opening day — fell silent when Napoli lifted a 2-2 pitch into the seats in left-center for a 2-1 advantage. Josh Hamilton extended the lead with a two-run single off reliever J.P. Howell.

As good as Price was early, Lewis was better in limiting the Rays to one hit over six in-

nings. Jennings' first homer was the only hit off the right-hander, who had worked 16 consecutive scoreless innings against the Rays up to that point — a stretch that began with a five-inning stint in last year's ALDS and continued with an eight-inning performance to beat Price and the Rays on June 1.

But the Rangers bullpen nearly let a three-run lead slip away.

Johnny Damon, Ben Zobrist and Casey Kotchman singled to load the bases against reliever Darren Oliver in the seventh. Damon scored when pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez grounded out, and the Rangers escaped further damage when the second pitcher of the inning, Alexi Ogando, induced pinch-hitter Sam Fuld to hit a roller to second base.

The Rays weren't finished. Jennings led off eighth with his second homer, trimming Texas' lead to 4-3. Mike Adams walked B.J. Upton, who was caught stealing, and then walked Evan Longoria and Matt Joyce to get himself into trouble again.

The Rangers wiggled off the hook when Michael Gonzales struck out Damon. Feliz came on to fan Zobrist with the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position.

Price lost at home to Cliff Lee and the Rangers twice in last year's ALDS and was coming off a disappointing outing against the Yankees in which he allowed six runs in four innings of a game that the Rays needed to win to ensure they stayed alive for the wild-card berth on the final night.

Tampa Bay rallied from a seven-run deficit to grab the play-off spot on Longoria's homer, but that didn't stop questions about whether the Rays could count on him in a big game.

The 26-year-old lefty was 0-5 with a 5.40 ERA in eight career starts against Texas before Monday, yet insisted he didn't lack confidence to get the job done in Game 3.

The Rangers had chances against him early, stranding runners in scoring position in the first, second and sixth innings. Michael Young lined to first



Texas Rangers catcher Mike Napoli admires his seventh-inning homerun off Tampa Bay Rays ace David Price. The Rangers are a win away from going to its second straight ALCS.

Lynne Sladky
Associated Press

baseman Kotchman, who made a diving catch to end the first. Nelson Cruz and Mitch Moreland grounded out after Napoli singled and stole second base in the

second. Price escaped the sixth by retiring Hamilton and Young on groundballs.

With Lewis pitching, Rays manager Joe Maddon tinkered

with the bottom of his batting order, stacking six consecutive left-handers behind righty-hitting Jennings, Upton and Longoria, who went 0 for 3 with three

strikeouts against the Rangers starter — once with Upton in scoring position after walking and stealing second in the fourth.

Big 12 approves equal revenue sharing for conference television agreements

By Luke Meredith
The Associated Press

Big 12 university leaders agreed to equally share the wealth from the conference's most lucrative television deals if its members agree to lock those top-tier TV rights into the league for at least six years.

The league's announcement Monday was an encouraging sign for the long-term health of the conference, but it is no done deal.

Missouri is considering leaving the Big 12, possibly for the Southeast-

ern Conference, and the university's board of curators is scheduled to meet today in St. Louis.

Interim Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas hopes the approval by the presidents and chancellors of equal revenue sharing and a grant of tier-one and tier-two TV rights to the league will help convince Missouri to stay instead of joining Texas A&M in the SEC.

"In an objective view, this should be a positive sign for Missouri," Neinas said during a teleconference with reporters.

Neinas said he plans to visit with Missouri officials this week, but not before Tuesday's curators' meeting.

Neinas said Missouri should consider its long-standing rivalry with Kansas, the Kansas City-based Big 12 basketball tournaments and the close proximity between Columbia to other Big 12 schools.

"It's one thing to talk about the Southeastern Conference, but how many people are going to be able to afford to travel to Gainesville, Fla., or Columbia, S.C., or Tuscaloosa, Ala.," Neinas said. "You know, John Q. Fan,

he can get in the car and drive to Big 12 games.

"Besides, Missouri is midwestern, not southern."

The revenue-sharing model had been proposed by Texas several weeks ago, but was waiting for a vote by league presidents. Neinas said that school leaders, who make up the Big 12 Board of Directors, voted unanimously in favor of it on Sunday.

Each school must still approve the granting of TV rights, and that's where the Missouri curators

come in.

The Big 12 also plans to move forward with expansion plans, apparently regardless of what Missouri decides.

Neinas said the Big 12's expansion committee has been "activated" and will start meeting sometime this week. Neinas said the league has been

encouraged by the amount of interest other schools have shown in the Big 12.

Neinas said the move toward sharing TV rights for football and men's basketball will help the league's expansion efforts and pointed to the 13-year, \$1 billion television deal reached with Fox Sports in April.

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the Sooners in 1998, he led the Longhorns to a 34-3 victory, connecting on 14 of 27 passes for 293 yards and two touchdowns.

Taking it back a few years to 1944, a freshman Bobby Layne registered two touchdowns in a 20-0 shutout of Oklahoma, back when the Big 12 was the Big 6.

For the most part, first-year quarterbacks have had success against Oklahoma in the Red River Rivalry. But how good was Oklahoma in those specific years?

In 2003, Oklahoma was No. 1 in the polls when it met up with the Longhorns. Texas fans needn't worry about a 52-point blowout though — the Longhorns defense is far too athletic. The Sooners were No. 14 in 2006 and unranked in 1944 and 1998.

So, the consensus answer to the question: not very good.

This Saturday will mark an opportunity for McCoy and Ash to be the first, first-year starters to have success against a top-ranked Sooner team. An underdog, Bryan Harsin-led offense has defeated a powerful Oklahoma team before (see: 2007 Fiesta Bowl, Boise State). Will it happen again?



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WEEKEND RECAP

WOMEN'S GOLF

Despite favorable conditions, Longhorns falter in first round

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

As the morning came to an end in the Windy City Monday, it was a great day to golf but not so great for the Longhorns.

The five Texas golfers got off to an early start at 7:30 a.m. paired with Purdue and Wake Forest. The first round of the Windy City Classic didn't end as well as Texas would have hoped.

The Longhorns posted a fi-

nal team score of 304 (+16), finishing 14th out of the 15 teams with only UNC-Wilmington behind them. Junior Haley Stephens led the Longhorns in round one with a score of 74 (+2) with junior Desiree Dubreuil coming in right behind her with a score of 75 (+3). Freshman Bertine Strauss was not far behind at 77 (+5), followed by junior Katelyn Sepmore at 78 (+6) and junior Madison Pressel at 79 (+7).

No. 4 Oklahoma State fin-

ished round one on top with a final team score of 291 (+3) and a 4-stroke lead over second place Ohio State (296) and a 10-stroke lead against over place Kent State (301). Texas had one other round yesterday to finish off day one. While there is plenty of time to complete the tournament on a good note, it definitely wasn't what veteran head coach Martha Richards expected after a big season opening victory in College Station last month.

MEN'S GOLF

Texas builds off season opening tourney, looks to improve rank

By Peter Sblendorio
Daily Texan Staff

Coming off a fifth place finish in their first tournament of the year, the Texas Longhorns men's golf team is headed to Vestavia Hills, Alabama to take part in the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate on Oct. 3-4.

The tournament is a two-day event held by University of Alabama that will host to a 12-team field. Texas, No. 7 in this week's GolfWorld/Nike poll, will send a strong team of five golfers to

Alabama with its eyes on a first place finish.

The Longhorns will be led by senior Dylan Frittelli, who finished second among all competitors in Texas' first tournament at Olympia Fields Country Club in Chicago last month. In 2009 at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, Frittelli recorded a score of 68 to help the Longhorns place second in the tournament.

In addition to Frittelli, junior Cody Gribble, who recorded a 66 in 2009 in this tournament,

will be returning to Alabama for the event. Freshman standout Jordan Speith will compete in his first tournament of the year for the Longhorns this week as well, and junior Julio Vegas and sophomore Toni Hakula round out the Texas lineup.

After dropping two spots in the GolfWorld/Nike poll following their fifth place finish in the season-opening tournament, the Longhorns will look to climb back towards the top spot with a solid showing this week in Alabama.



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan file photo

Daniel Holiner has yet to lose a set at the ITA All-American Championships, defeating Edgar Rodrigues from USC Upstate and Arturs Kazijevs from SMU en route to becoming one of five Longhorns in the singles draw.

Hilliard, Holiner each triumph twice, earn spots in ITA tourney singles draw

By Lauren Jette
Daily Texan Staff

Texas will add two more players to the qualifying draw of the ITA All-American Championships this week after posting consecutive victories in the pre-qualifying draws this weekend.

Junior Alex Hilliard and sophomore David Holiner won two matches on Sunday to move in to the qualifying singles draw, which starts today. There they will join teammates Daniel Whitehead, Ben Chen and Soren Hess-Olesen, who are also in the draw.

Holiner posted a straight-sets victory over USC-Upstate's Edgar Rodriguez in his first round

match and won the first set 7-5 over SMU's Arturs Kazijevs, before Kazijevs retired.

Hilliard fought back from a

set down in both

of his matches, getting the victories over Jorge Caverio of Southern Illinois and then Davis O'Hare of Memphis. Sophomore Sudanwa Sitar-am and junior Chris Camillone also posted first round wins. Both lost their second round matches.

Also compet-

ing in the doubles qualifying round are the team of Holiner and Hess-Olesen and the team of Chen and Whitehead.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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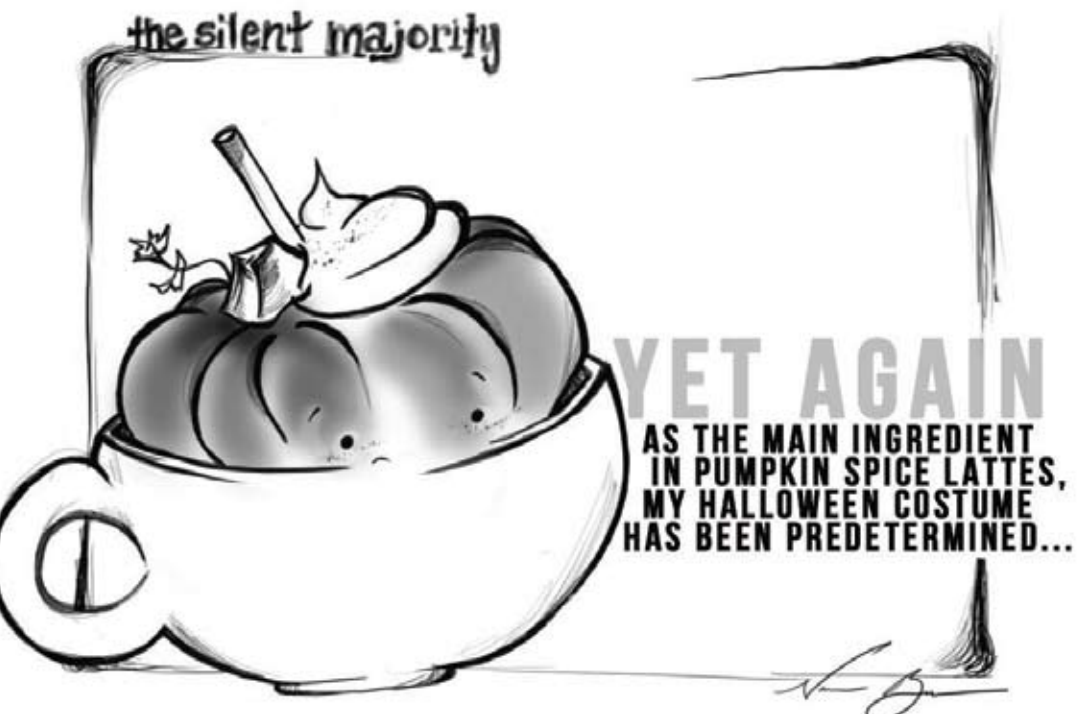
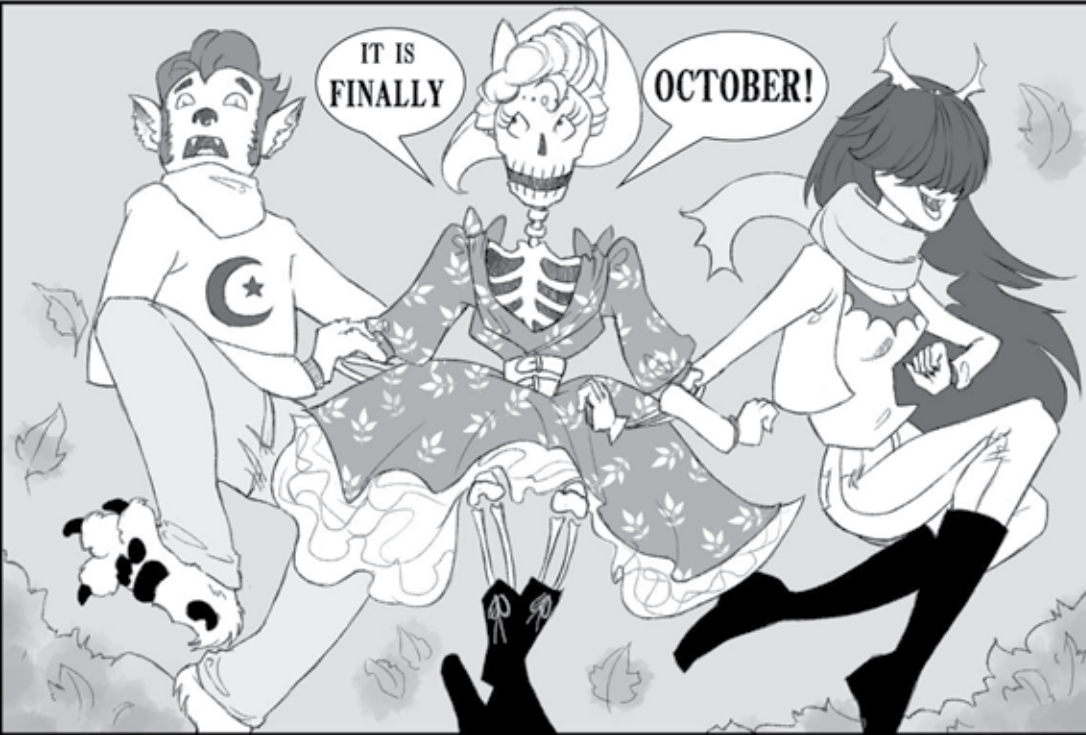


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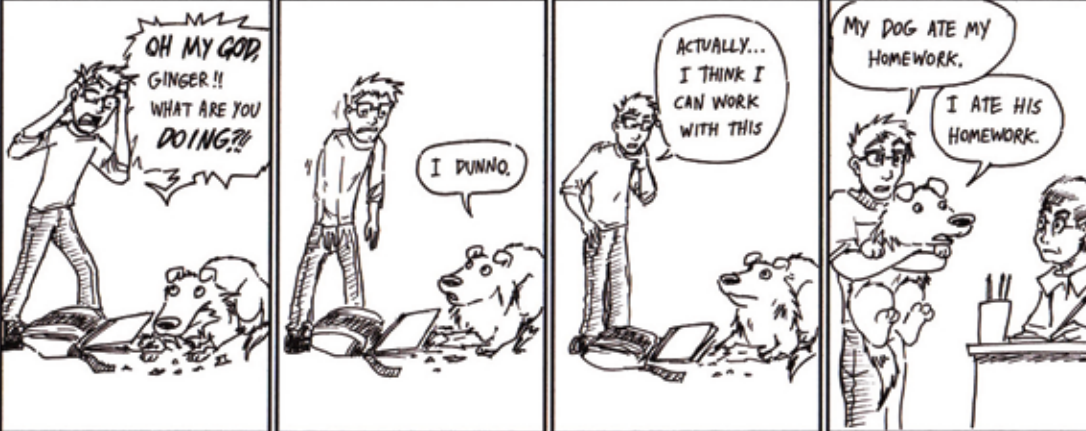
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Naptime Comics



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0830

Across

1 Hungry mouth

4 Person assisting a worship service

10 Jockey's whip

14 Lincoln, the Rail-Splitter

15 Place for a bookcase

16 Auto company whose name is Latin for "listen"

17 Title of respect

18 Longtime New York theater critic

20 Emphatic follow-up to yes or no

22 Corporate dept. that may include labs

23 Actor in 1960s TV's "77 Sunset Strip"

26 Nary a soul

29 Tropical citrus fruit

30 Fleischmann's product

32 Wilson of "Midnight in Paris"

33 Spanish king

34 Popular card game since 1954

37 Speck

38 Org. issuing many refunds

39 TV/film/stage actor once married to actress Meredith Baxter

45 Informer

48 International furniture retailer

49 Facility

50 Madame Chanel

51 Italian city famous for its cheese

53 Big dog

56 Yankee great Roger

58 Came ashore

59 Prime cooking spot

63 de mer

64 "She Sweet"

65 "That's it for me"

Down

1 Rubber man?

2 Cut

3 In an odd manner

4 Davenport, long-running "Doonesbury" character

5 Aunt of "Oklahoma!"

6 Start of the third century

7 "Mazel ___!"

8 Be in charge of

9 Singer McEntire

10 Nowadays they usually have power locks and windows

11 Decrepit

12 Pindar creation

13 Fraternity letters

19 The Atlantic's Cape ___

21 Baseball stat

24 ___ pros. (court record abbr.)

25 Building extension

27 Born, in Brittany

28 Naval officer below lieut.

31 Annual theater award

34 Quaintly stylish

35 Barry Manilow's "Could ___ Magic"

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Puzzle by Bernice Gordon

36 Suffix with contradict

37 Old Mitsubishi model

39 Fondue feature

40 Alias

41 First U.S. state to abolish slavery

42 "It seems evident that ..."

43 Alphabet trio

44 Beak

45 Motorist's guide

46 Farmland spread

47 Real young 'un

50 Piers Morgan's channel

52 Realm of beauty that ...

54 Justice Kagan

55 Less done, as steak

57 Long-legged wader

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ER doc: Jackson's doctor was 'devastated'

By Linda Deutsch
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson was clinically dead when he arrived at a hospital and two emergency room doctors said they thought it was futile to attempt to revive him. His doctor, however, insisted that they try.

Both doctors, testifying at Dr. Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial Monday, said Murray failed to tell them that he had been giving Jackson the anesthetic Propofol or when Jackson had been medicated or stopped breathing.

"He said he did not have any concept of time, that he did not have a watch," said Dr. Thao Nguyen, a cardiologist at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where Jackson was taken on June 25, 2009.

"Dr. Murray asked that we not give up easily and try to save Michael Jackson's life," she said. "... In Dr. Murray's mind, if we called it quits, we would be giving up easily."

Nguyen said Murray "sounded desperate and he looked devastated." But, she said, without knowing how much time had passed since he stopped breathing, resuscitation was a remote hope.

"It was not too little too late," she said. "It was a case of too late. I feared that time was not on Mr. Jackson's side."

Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. Authorities say Murray administered the fatal dose and acted recklessly by providing Jackson the drug as a sleep aid at his home when it is supposed to be administered in a hospital. The defense argues that Jackson gave himself an additional dose of the drug when Murray was out of the room.

Nguyen and Dr. Richelle Cooper, who oversaw Jackson's care in the emergency room, said Murray never mentioned that he had given the singer the Propofol. They said he told them that he had given two doses of Lorazepam, also known as Ativan, trying to get him to sleep.

"Did he ever mention Propofol to you?" Deputy District Attorney David Walgren asked Nguyen.

"Absolutely not," she said in a firm voice.

Before leaving the stand, Nguyen said, "I've never heard of Propofol being used outside of a hospital."

She said at least three medical personnel, including an anesthesiologist, should be present when the drug is given. Walgren asked her: "Have you ever heard of Propofol being used in someone's private bedroom?"

Nguyen replied: "That would be a first. I've never heard of it."

In cross-examination, defense attorney Michael Flanagan was able to get Cooper to say that, even if they had known about the Propofol, they could not have saved Jackson's life.

"Michael Jackson had died long before he became my patient," she said. "It is unlikely with that information I could have done something that would have changed the outcome."

She also said that the amount of Propofol which Murray has since claimed he gave Jackson would not have put him to sleep and would have dissipated from his body in five to seven minutes.

Murray claimed he administered 25 milligrams. An autopsy showed that he died of an overdose of the drug.

Cooper said Jackson was "clinically dead" by the time he reached



Conrad Murray watches the testimony of paramedic Richard Senneff during his involuntary manslaughter trial in downtown Los Angeles.

the hospital and she had advocated pronouncing him dead at his home when she received radio calls from paramedics describing his condition.

"Mr. Jackson was my patient and I didn't really have an explanation of why he was dead. I knew it would be a coroner's case," she said and suggested he should have been pronounced dead at 12:57 p.m. when the radio call came in.

But she yielded to Murray and Jackson was brought to the emergency room where more than 14 people worked on the effort to revive him.

"My assessment when he arrived was he was clinically dead and given the time — it was about an hour — I thought the attempt at rescue would be futile," Cooper said. She has said more than an hour of resuscitation efforts at the hospital did nothing to improve Jackson's condition.

Cooper also told jurors about trying to speak to Jackson's children after he was pronounced dead at the hospital at 2:26 p.m.

"They were crying," Cooper said. "They were fairly hysterical."

Murray's phone records are a central part of the prosecution case. Two staffers from cell phone providers identified records of his calls on the day of Jackson's death.

Prosecutors intend to show records of Murray's phone calls and emails from the hours before Jackson's death to show that Murray had other things on his mind — getting his \$150,000 a month deal to serve as Jackson's personal physician approved, running his medical practices and fielding calls from mistresses.

One of Murray's former patients, Las Vegas salesman Robert Russell, detailed one of those calls for jurors last week and the phone traced a call to his number.

Later in the case, prosecutors will further detail calls and messages Murray fielded that day, including several the physician apparently made to his girlfriend as he rode in the back of the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Black bear attacks family after following pet dog into house

NEWPORT, Pa. — A married couple was injured early Monday when a bear followed the family dog into their rural central Pennsylvania home and went on the attack, state Game Commission officials said.

Rich and Angie Moyer suffered back and leg injuries, respectively, but they weren't considered life-threatening, said Rich Moyer's mother, Leeann Moyer. Their 10-year-old son was at home at the time but was not involved, she said.

Leeann Moyer, who lives nearby, said her son let their dog, Brindie, outside at about 3 a.m. as he prepared to go to work at a warehouse, and then heard barking.

"He went to call her in," she said. "That's where everything went to hell."

She said the bear first attacked her son, then his wife after she arrived to investigate the commotion.

"He was the worst, of course, but she tried to help him when

she came downstairs," Leeann Moyer said. "Then the bear turned on her. I guess [it] got her in the lower extremities, either in the leg or a thigh."

She said her son was injured on the back, near his neck.

A Harrisburg Hospital spokesman said both were treated and discharged shortly after noon.

Game Commission spokesman Jerry Feaser said Pennsylvania has not experienced a fatality from a black bear in more than a century. A wildlife conservation officer has set up a trap and is looking for the animal.

"It is our suspicion at this point that it was likely a female defending its cubs, because a bear encountering a dog is more likely to run away," Feaser said. "Black bears going into a home are an extremely rare situation."

He said investigators are also concerned that the bear may be rabid.

Feaser said Rich Moyer was bitten and scratched.

— The Associated Press

NEWS BRIEFLY

Extinct ladybug reappears after deemed extinct

The rare nine-spotted ladybug, subject of a nationwide citizen science project launched after it appeared the insect had gone extinct, has been found in New York state for the first time there in 29 years.

Entomologist John Losey of Cornell University's Lost Ladybug Project said Monday that a nine-spotted ladybug was found by a project

participant at a Long Island organic farm in July, and scientists visiting the farm found more of the insects.

The bug is New York's official state insect but it hadn't been found there for decades until now, although it has been spotted in other states since the project got under way 12 years ago.

The nine-spotted ladybug was once one of the most common ladybugs in the United States.

— The Associated Press

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USA untempted by health food Grizzly bear euthanized at Yellowstone

By Christina Rexrode
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans talk skinny but eat fat.

No matter that First Lady Michelle Obama has been on a crusade for a year and a half to slim down the country. Never mind that some restaurants have started listing calories on their menus. Forget even that we keep saying we want to eat healthy. When Americans eat out, we order burgers and fries anyway.

“If I wanted something healthy, I would not even stop in at McDonald’s,” says Jonathan Ryfiak, 24, a New York trapeze instructor who watches his diet at home but orders comfort foods like chicken nuggets and fries when he hits a fast-food joint.

In a country where more than two-thirds of the population is overweight or obese, food choices are often made on impulse, not intellect. So, while 47 percent of Americans say they’d like restaurants to offer healthier items like salads and baked potatoes, only 23 percent tend to order those foods, according to a survey last year by food research firm Technomic.

That explains the popularity of KFC’s Double Down, a sandwich of bacon and cheese slapped between two slabs of fried chicken. It’s the reason IHOP offers a Simple & Fit menu with yogurt and fruit bowls, but its top seller remains a 1,180-calorie breakfast sampler of eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hash browns and pancakes.

It’s also why only 11 percent of parents ordered apple slices as an alternative to fries in McDonald’s Happy Meals.

The mixed message hasn’t stopped many restaurants from offering healthier fare. After all, the government has stepped up its oversight — and influence — over the industry that it blames for America’s expanding waistline. National rules about putting calorie information on menus are



In this file photo of Feb. 23, 2010, eight-month-old Alaster “Gator” Thompson protectively puts his hand on a stack of free pancakes as his uncle Kevin Johnson, right, looks on during the IHOP National Pancake Day Celebration held at the Bryan, Texas.

expected to take effect next year and Mrs. Obama touts restaurants and companies that slash calories in foods.

Most restaurants won’t share specifics about how their salads and veggie omelets compete when they’re up against burgers and crepes. But the healthy stuff appears to be only a small proportion of revenue at most chains.

There’s a host of reasons for the disparity between word and deed. Sometimes people who eat healthy at home want to treat themselves when they go out. Others doubt that the so-called healthier items on fast-food menus are really healthy. Even peer pressure can play a role.

Jason Sierra, who was eating a Whopper hamburger and fries at a Burger King in New York recently, said he’s cut back on unhealthy foods because his cholesterol and blood pressure were getting too high. But when his office buddies order lunch, he opts for “man food,” like pizza, to fit in.

“One day I did try to order a salad,” said Sierra, 40, who works in tech support. “And I caught

hell for that.”

Healthier foods also are usually among the most expensive menu items, which can be tough for recession-weary customers to stomach. Efrain Vasquez and his wife, Evelyn, were recently eating fried chicken and gravy-drenched mashed potatoes at a KFC in New York. They say there’s a big difference between a \$2 burger and a \$6 salad when you’re on a tight budget.

“We’ve got bills to pay,” said Efrain Vasquez, 51, a maintenance worker who’s raising four kids with Evelyn, a 37-year-old receptionist. “We try to economize.”

Like so many American dieters, fast-food restaurants have tried and failed to go healthy. The Wendy’s Co. burger chain led the way in the mid-1980s with a short-lived effort to sell tomato halves filled with cottage cheese and pineapple chunks on lettuce leaves.

“Consumers weren’t ready for it,” said Denny Lynch, a spokesman for Wendy’s, where burgers and chicken are the biggest sellers. “Or at least they certainly didn’t buy it.”

By Matthew Brown
The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A grizzly bear that fatally mauled a hiker in Yellowstone National Park has been killed after DNA evidence linked the animal to the scene of a second hiker’s death a month later.

Superintendent Dan Wenk said Monday the decision to euthanize the 250-pound female bear was meant to protect park visitors and staff.

But park officials said they may never know definitively whether the same bear that killed Brian Matayoshi in July also killed John Wallace in August. Evidence showed multiple bears, including the sow, near Wallace’s body — but not whether the sow made any contact with Wallace.

The sow bear was allowed to remain free after Matayoshi’s death because park officials said it was reacting naturally to defend its two cubs.

“We made a decision at that time, based on all the information available, that we did not have a bear with a history or a bear that was demonstrating any predatory nature,” park spokesman Al Nash said.

There were no witnesses to Wallace’s killing in Yellowstone’s Hayden Valley, about 8 miles from where Matayoshi was killed. The mauling occurred in a backcountry area frequented by bears, and signs

posted at trailheads warned visitors to carry mace-like bear spray as a precaution.

By the time Wallace’s body was found by other hikers a day after the mauling, one or more bears had fed upon his body, Nash said. But authorities couldn’t determine from the evidence whether the sow bear “attacked Mr. Wallace or came upon the scene subsequent to the attack, but we certainly know the bear was at the scene,” he said.

The sow bear was linked to the scene through DNA analysis of hair and scat samples found in the “immediate proximity” of Wallace’s body, Nash said.

Nash said park officials had observed the bear’s movements through flights over the area in the weeks since the first mauling. He said the bear had been easy to locate because one of its cubs had a distinctive white patch that was visible from the air.

The two cubs were captured and taken to the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone.

In the immediate aftermath of Wallace’s death, park officials said that they did not believe the responsible grizzly was the same one that had killed Matayoshi because they found no cub tracks on the scene. Investigators now believe those tracks might have washed away in a rain storm that went through the area before Wallace’s body was discovered.

Chris Servheen, a grizzly bear re-

covery coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said investigators have concluded that the sow bear was at the scene “for some time.” He said details would be released when investigators complete their report into the attack, which is expected to take another month.

Servheen also said park officials had made the best decision they could following Matayoshi’s death, given the circumstances.

“From everything we know, that was the right call,” he said. “We don’t know if this bear was involved in killing [Wallace], but it was there and it’s a matter of trying to be careful.”

Since the mauling, park officials have at least captured seven bears in the Hayden Valley. DNA, tracks and other evidence from the scene showed at least nine bears were present around the general time of Wallace’s death, drawn by two nearby bison carcasses.

All of the captured bears were radio collared and released. Park officials said Monday they will continue efforts to remove any bear that can be linked to the Wallace mauling scene.

The deaths of Matayoshi and Wallace were the first by a bear inside the park in a quarter-century. Two fatal maulings occurred just outside the park in 2010.

An estimated 600 grizzlies live in the greater Yellowstone area, which includes parts of Wyoming, Montana and Wyoming.

NEWS BRIEFLY

At one time a quarantine spot, Rat Island in NYC sold for \$16,000

NEW YORK — As far as private islands go, New York City’s Rat Island isn’t exactly luxurious. It’s really just a pile of rocks that once housed quarantined typhoid patients.

But the island sold at auction Sunday for \$160,000. Real estate agent Ozzie Crisalli says he doesn’t know what the buyer has planned for it.

Rat Island is located off City Island in the Bronx. It boasts 360-de-

gree views of the water and measures about 2 1/2 acres — during low tide.

Injured sea lion on Calif. highway receives mystery bullet wound

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Veterinarians caring for a sea lion that was rescued after waddling onto a busy Northern California highway over the weekend say the animal suffered a gunshot wound.

California Highway Patrol officers encountered the sea lion around 7 a.m. Saturday after the agency received reports that it crossed Highway 101 in Burlingame. The animal then headed down an exit ramp,

which the CHP closed for two hours until rescuers from The Marine Mammal Center arrived.

Veterinarians at the center initially thought the female, 132-pound sea lion may have been disoriented from toxic algae poisoning. Test results are pending on the possible poisoning, but they also determined the animal had been shot in the jaw.

Center officials said Monday they’re developing a treatment plan for the sea lion, which has been named Broadway Bound after the highway exit.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

Idahoans fight off deer with hammer

By Jessie L. Bonner
The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A woman was able to escape an attack by a mule deer after a passer-by and his daughter fought off the buck, grabbing the antlers and striking it with a hammer until it fled, state wildlife officials said.

Sue Panter was on a stroll near her home in rural southeastern Idaho when the buck attacked, raking her body with his antlers and goring her legs, officials said.

Michael Vaughan and his 17-year-old daughter, Alexis, spotted the struggle early Friday and tried to intervene, the state Department of Fish and Game said in a statement Sunday.

Vaughan’s daughter got out of their vehicle and started punching the deer while he grabbed the buck by the antlers, which allowed Panter to escape, according to the agency. Vaughan said that while he wrestled with the buck, his daughter retrieved a hammer and struck the deer.

Vaughan’s daughter then drove Panter and her father to a hospital, where they were treated and released on Friday. The man’s

legs were punctured three times during the struggle, wildlife officials said.

The buck in the attack was a young adult, which on average weigh about 250 pounds, wofficials said.

“A possibility is that this deer was found in the wild and taken home and raised by somebody

—Korey Owens, senior conservation officer

It was unclear why the animal attacked the woman. Such confrontations are unusual, but the behavior that was reported is typical of deer that have been reared as pets, according to state wildlife officials.

“A possibility is that this deer

was found in the wild and taken home and raised by somebody,” said Korey Owens. “Then it’s become habituated to humans so it’s not afraid of humans anymore, that’s a possibility.”

These unprovoked attacks by domesticated, or “pet deer,” are very rare but have been reported in Idaho, said Blake Phillips, regional conservation officer for state Department of Fish and Game’s southeast region.

Panter was “really traumatized” when the hospital called authorities to report the attack, Owens said Monday.

Panter had played dead during the attack hoping that would discourage the deer, wildlife officials said. Her husband, who was at work, told him she had tried to remain in the roadway as the deer gored her, wildlife officials said.

“She felt that if she got pushed off the road and into the cornfield, no one would see her struggling or even know she was there,” Panter told wildlife officials.

Officials were searching for the buck, which will be euthanized and tested for rabies and other diseases.



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Comic book artist built his career on the concept of fun

By Jessica Lee
Daily Texan Staff

Paul Maybury never expected a chalkboard drawing of Mr. T pitying the fool who did not eat Whole Foods' boneless sirloin steaks would give him the push he needed to turn his interest in comic books into a full-time job.

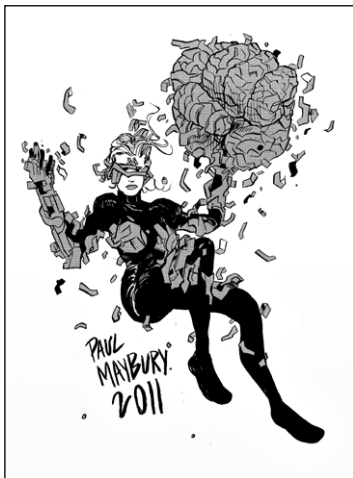
Boston native Maybury had planned to transfer to the Austin Whole Foods location, but after those plans fell through, he was left in a new city without a steady job.

He has since made a name for himself in the Austin comic book scene. His webcomic, Party Bear, can be viewed for free on ACT-I-VATE, a website featuring comics for a more mature crowd. Party Bear focuses on the lives of a variety of inner-city children whose seemingly separate story lines end in lup intertwining.

Party Bear, literally a bear with a party hat perched on top of his head, takes on the role of father to these kids. He says nothing and barely makes an appearance in the comic, but somehow manages to remain central to the story with his cool nonchalance and authoritative air.

Maybury keeps all his ideas in a Piccadilly notebook to protect them from frequent coffee spills.

"I'll have an idea and just scribble it down," Maybury said. "I won't think about it for a month, but eventually, I have a whole story floating on a page."



A bit of an urban legend in the modern day comic book world, Maybury does almost everything himself. Aside from his two assistants who erase pencil marks off his ink and fill in the base colors on Photoshop, Maybury makes sure to stay away from letting too many people touch his work.

"If you're familiar with different styles, you notice if there are lots of people working on one comic," Maybury said. "It just seems disjointed."

Though his work has been featured by well-known comic corporations such as Marvel, DC and Dark Horse, Maybury still faces a lot of criticism.

"Comic book readers are worse than music snobs," Maybury said. "The worst thing I can do is Google my name. People are really mean."

Coming from Boston, Maybury has found Austin to be more



Award-winning artist Paul Maybury sketches his first ever cartoon character as he discusses the different types of materials he uses for his comics. He has not only created art for comic books but also designed images for video games, book covers and T-shirts.

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Daily Texan Staff

supportive of his craft. Austin Books & Comics stocks most of Maybury's work.

But do not expect to see Maybury reading comics anytime soon. He simply does not read them. It has nothing to do with his creative process — he just doesn't have the time. It takes him about a month to produce a 22-page comic book.

Maybury's advice to aspiring comic book artists is to make sure

it is the job they really want. Pay tends to be low, the work itself is tedious and many of the artists feel underappreciated.

"It's only for the really sick in the head or really strong-willed people," Maybury said.

His assistant Jordan Gibson praises the knowledge that comes with working as an assistant for Maybury.

"Find one person that has their

foot in the door," Gibson said. "The amount you can learn from whom is invaluable."

And getting to know just one artist can lead to a bounty of connections. Maybury said that the comic industry in Austin is small, so the artists all know each other, hanging out in bars at the end of the day.

"I met Paul through other creators that I knew first," Gibson said. "You meet one guy and you're good be-

cause they will help you out and refer you to someone else."

Maybury said the best advice he ever received was just to do as many books as he can while he is still young — which is exactly what he has been doing. He expects to have three or four books out in 2012.

"I wouldn't do it if it weren't fun for me," Maybury said. "My whole career is built around what's fun right now."

CD REVIEW

Dessa's eclectic new album falls short compared to Feist

By Eli Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Underground hip-hop's unsung songstress Dessa and indie folk's poppy majesty Feist have always been a step ahead of their contemporaries. Making their returns with albums *Castor*, *The Twins* and *Metals*, Dessa and Feist continue to push the boundaries of music with songs that are driven by captivating arrangements and insightful lyrical content.

Hip-hop collective Doomtree's soft-spoken yet fearless first lady Margaret Wander — better known as Dessa — delivers a powerful blow in her new album, *Castor*, *The Twins*. A more organic, natural approach on last year's *A Badly Broken Code*, Dessa's latest album gives a fresh, new perspective on the tracks that helped solidify her position as one of Minneapolis' most talented MCs.

On "Mineshaft," Dessa's spoken word delivery is backed by gloomy guitars, emphasizing her feeling of hopelessness as she repeats "it goes down" in the chorus.

And "Dixon's Girl" becomes something of a jazzy, lounge session as Dessa sings and rhymes over melancholic piano keys and upright bass. The band intensifies Dessa's narrative of the mistreatment of a woman with synchronized hits and powerful crescendos, resulting in a track that resonates with Billie Holiday-esque bravado.

"The Beekeeper," an advance single from Dessa's forthcoming album in 2012, is hauntingly captivating. Vibraphone, piano, viola and upright bass create a classical, orchestral abyss where Dessa's expressive vocals are the only light shined upon staccato viola plucks and dark, somber piano strikes.

Taking a cue from fellow Minneapolis MC Atmosphere's *The Family Sign*, Dessa's experimentation with live instrumentation benefits her in many ways. Her witty and sardonic observations are made that much clearer through the use of brushed snares and soulful piano chords.

"You shouldn't open doors you don't plan to go through" says Dessa with a calm fury, her jabs acting as words of wisdom to a collective of oppressed and mistreated women.

Although Dessa proves she can be a modern-day hip-hop maestro, her flow has not yet synchronized completely with the natural atmosphere that accompanies her. Her second verse in "Mineshaft," where she attacks with a blistering, stac-

cato delivery, does not come out as precise and fluid as it did in *A Badly Broken Code*.

Dessa is well on her way to being the Tariq Trotter of female rappers. Like The Roots' front man, Dessa shows the potential to be able to rap over just about anything. Where other rappers rely on mechanical, computerized beats to keep their flow punctual, Dessa challenges the norms of hip-hop by throwing herself in unfamiliar territory. Although she has yet to find her distinctive voice, *Castor*, *The Twin* is proof that Dessa has the ability to become one of hip-hop's strongest contributors.

Like Dessa, Feist continues to experiment and find her niche in *Metals*.

Metals is a gorgeous display of Leslie Feist's songwriting ability. Where her last album, *The Reminder*, was overshadowed by the success of the poppy single "1234," *Metals* challenges listeners with a repertoire that consists of orchestral sounds and dynamic arrangements that move with impeccable fluidity.

Opener "The Bad in Each Other" is an adventurous, electronic folk-ballad that lends itself to brassy swells and likable vocal harmonies. The rim shots throughout the song provide a stable base and groove for Feist as she croons over ascending chords that provide a blissful ending filled with overwhelming sound from all over.

"Caught a Long Wind" is beautiful and well-written. Feist's vocal delivery is enticing: She sings with a haunting resonance, the shaking in her voice building tension as piano keys are gently stroked, clashing against a ris-

ing tide of cymbals.

Metals is a cinematic treasure due to its definitive sound. Feist exudes a sense of confidence and freedom in this album, not restricting herself to the pop formula that resulted in her mainstream success in 2007. Sacrificing simplicity for complexity, Feist has created an album that works like that of a large puzzle: Each timpani hit and every low, vibrato-driven horn note contributes to a picture that displays moments of struggle and discomfort. But, like that of a beautiful Beethoven piece, the tension dissipates as a more enlightened Feist breaks out of her troublesome web.

Feist has a very distinct sound that cannot be easily categorized and can only be defined by the many ideas and sounds that encompass her music. *Metals* finds a great harmony between Feist's poppy beginnings and her blossoming as a genre-bending musician.

Both Dessa and Feist are artists of innovation, pursuing a sound that truly defines who they are. Feist's natural and effortless delivery is something that Dessa is well on her way towards achieving in the realm of hip-hop. Unlike Feist, Dessa has yet to grasp the ingredients necessary to give her music that extra push. She has a distinguishable flow that is both her strength and weakness. Where Feist's lyrics become a part of an intricate arrangement that moves with ease, some of Dessa's lyrics become lost or overshadowed by the vast selection of instruments at her disposal. *Castor*, *the Twin* is a strong release, but still has room for improvement to become like *Metals*.



Metals

Feist

Genre: Indie pop, folk

Tracks: 13

For those who like: Grizzly Bear, Wilco

Grade: A



Castor, the Twins

Dessa

Genre: Alternative hip-hop

Tracks: 11

For those who like: Doomtree, P.O.S., Atmosphere

Grade: B-

BOOK REVIEW

Dawkins' latest sees moderate success in teaching kids the 'Magic of Reality'

By Robert Starr
Daily Texan Staff

Children often find themselves drawn to the sciences. Three-year-olds incessantly ask their parents a never-ending series of "whys," only to be told over and over again to stop asking questions. But questions are important. Often the hardest part about finding the right answer is stopping to ask the right question. Through school, many children develop a revulsion to science, with its rigid formulas and constant tests, forgetting about the wonder that they grew up with, which is what science is really about.

Richard Dawkins attempts to recapture that wonder in his new book, "The Magic of Reality: How We Know What's Really True" and, for that, it's something of a mixed bag. The science is top notch and nobody can take a complicated idea and simplify it better than Dawkins can, but there's a feeling of "been there done that" for a lot of the book. Most children who are interested in science will already know the bulk of what's contained between the covers. Still, for those who don't, this is a very good introduction.

Though the book is aimed at younger readers (perhaps for preteens on up) Dawkins doesn't dumb down the science much. He says what he needs to say in as few words as possible, leaving room for the colorful and stylistic art by Dave McKean, which should make the book at least look inviting to the target audience. And while older readers may find much to enjoy, it's probably too simplistic to fully appeal to them. It would probably make a good book to read to a younger child, particularly if the child is the curious type, who will interrupt with frequent questions.

The basic science is presented very well, explaining how we know rather than just what we know. But it's clear Dawkins doesn't hit his stride until the tail end, where he addresses why bad things happen and, in the final

chapter, miracles. In these chapters, Dawkins really hammers home the point of critical thinking. In the chapter on bad things happening, he begins by asking, "Why does anything happen?" and then heads into the mathematics of luck as well as the psychology behind it. We're pattern-seeking animals and, when that ability is in overdrive, it turns into superstition.

The chapter on miracles is a solid introduction to scientific skepticism, and easily the highlight of the book. Dawkins uses his careful tone and shows that acceptance of a "miracle" de-

neglects the exciting possibility that we may be wrong and comes across as being smug and closed-minded.

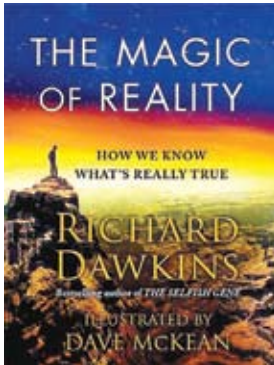
The book also falls short of the goal of showing what the title promises: the "Magic of Reality." Dawkins describes many exciting scientific ideas, but doesn't manage to evoke the same kind of

wonder that someone like Carl Sagan might have (though, admittedly, the illustrations are often more successful in this department). Still, for readers in their early teens, the book offers a strong message that even some older readers may not be familiar with: Science is the best tool we have for analyzing truth claims and calling something a miracle is essentially an admission of defeat. For thousands of years, our species has been content making up stories to describe things we don't understand, but we're now in a place where we can at least ask the right questions.

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mands that its truth to be more likely than its falsehood. People can be mistaken and stories can be embellished, so the more amazing the claim, the more careful we need to be with it. The main focus of the book is on critical thinking, with the final chapter closing the deal, and though "The Magic of Reality" may answer many curious questions, the lesson is to not accept any answer from anybody without sufficient evidence.

As such, there may be a backlash to the book. While not directly atheistic in nature, as many of Dawkins' other books have been, "The Magic of Reality" is critical of specific reli-



"The Magic of Reality: How We Know What's Really True"

Richard Dawkins

Genre: Science

Pages: 272

For those who like:

"A Short History of Nearly Everything," "The Selfish Gene," "The Greatest Show on Earth"

Grade: B